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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Alvin C. Chin-Shue

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6,8-11 and 14-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6,8-11 and 14-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)             | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 11 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Are the twice recited "side rails", as set forth in claim 11, line 21, different elements as suggested?

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leon in view of either Peachee or Newville and Logan Jr. Leon shows the claimed sawhorse with the exception of the side rails and holes. Peachee shows side rails 2. Newville shows side rails 26a, 26b. Logan shows a sawhorse in a stored condition with unassembled sections bolted to each other. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Leon with side rails, as taught by either Peachee or Newville, that is capable of increase his supporting surface, and to modify the sections of the sawhorse of Leon to comprise

spaced holes, as taught by Logan, which are capable of accepting cords therethrough with his section in a stacked position.

Claims 4,6,10,11 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leon, and either Peachee or Newville and Logan, as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Thomson et al. Thomson shows a handle at 131,140 for passing through holes of a column. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Leon with a handle, as taught by Thomson, which is capable of being used as a handle for his sawhorse. Furthermore, the examiner takes official notice that notches with lobed bottoms to facilitate assembly is conventional, and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify to notches of Leon to comprise lobed bottoms, in view of the conventional teaching to facilitate assembly.

Claims 8,9,14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leon and either Peachee or Newville and Logan, as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Fields. Fields shows a handle 14 with dowel 26 stops. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Leon with a handle, as taught by Fields, which is capable of being used as a handle for his sawhorse. Furthermore, the examiner

takes official notice that the use of cords for a handle is a conventional practice, and to substitute a cord for the strip 14, as is conventional, would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the conventional teachings.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin C. Chin-Shue whose telephone number is 571-272-6828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on 571-272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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